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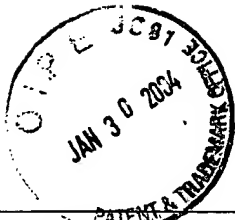
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, for which a response is due on January 27, 2004. Accordingly, this response is considered timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.